

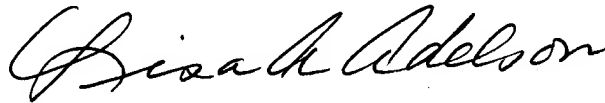
Remarks

Claims 1 and 3 to 6 were previously cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter. Claims 2 and 7-27 have been newly amended. Claims 28-30 are newly added.¹ As such, Claims 2 and 7-30 are pending by the present amendment. Support for the new claims and amendments may be found in the claims as originally filed and the Specification, for example, at page 25, line 21 to page 32, line 6; page 38, lines 13-14; page 39, lines 9-10; page 63, line 19 to page 64 line 5; page 65, lines 19-21; page 111, lines 16-21; page 113, lines 6-9; page 115, line 5 to page 116, line 4; page 165, lines 6-9. No new matter is added by the present amendment.

¹ Applicants note that a Restriction Requirement was mailed by the Office on October 3, 2000. No claims to seeds or methods were presented at that time. Group I "drawn to a substantially purified nucleic acid molecule" was elected by Applicants in the Response to Restriction Requirement filed November 3, 2000.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (202) 942-5325 should any additional information be necessary for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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